

Appl. No. 10/723,053

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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A medical system for use with an endoscope, the system comprising:

an elongate medical device sized to be inserted into the endoscope; and

a locking device having a distal portion adapted to be attached to the endoscope and a proximal portion adapted to be secured to the elongate medical device to limit relative movement between the endoscope and the elongate medical device; wherein the proximal portion includes at least first and second securing elements for releasably securing the elongate medical device and an additional elongate medical device to the locking member.

22. (previously presented) A medical system as in claim 21, wherein the distal portion of the locking device is adapted to be releasably attached to the endoscope.

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A medical system as in claim 21, wherein the distal portion of the locking device includes a means for attaching the locking device to the endoscope, ~~and the proximal portion of the locking device includes a means for securing the elongate medical device to the locking device.~~

25. (previously presented) A medical system as in claim 24, wherein the elongate medical device comprises a catheter.

26. (previously presented) A medical system as in claim 24, wherein the elongate medical device comprises a guidewire.

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27. (currently amended) A medical system for use with an endoscope, the medical system comprising:

an elongate medical device adapted to be inserted into the endoscope; and

a locking device attached to the endoscope having a locking portion and secured to the elongate medical device to limit relative axial movement between the endoscope and the elongate medical device when the elongate medical device is received in the locking portion and to allow relative axial movement between the endoscope and the elongate medical device when the elongate medical device is out of the locking portion;

wherein the elongate medical device comprises at least one of a catheter and a guide wire, and wherein the locking device includes at least one means for securing the elongate medical device configured such that the elongate medical device is moved laterally into and out of the securing means while the locking device is attached to the endoscope.

28. (previously presented) The medical system of claim 27, wherein the locking device is adapted to releasably attach to the endoscope.

29. (previously presented) A medical system as in claim 27, wherein the locking device is releasably secured to the elongate medical device.

30. (previously presented) A medical system as in claim 27, wherein the endoscope includes a proximal port and wherein the locking device is configured to attach to the endoscope distal of the proximal port.

31. (previously presented) A medical system as in claim 30, wherein the locking device is secured to the elongate medical device proximal of the proximal port.

32. (previously presented) A medical system as in claim 31, wherein the elongate medical device comprises a catheter.

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33. (previously presented) A medical system as in claim 31, wherein the elongate medical device comprises a guidewire.

34. (currently amended) A medical system as in claim 27, wherein the locking device comprises a body member having a proximal portion and a distal portion, a means for attaching the body member to the endoscope, the attaching means connected to the distal portion of the body member, ~~and a means for securing the elongate medical device,~~ wherein the securing means is connected to the proximal portion of the body member.

35. (currently amended) A locking device for use in combination with an endoscope and an elongate medical device insertable therein, the locking device comprising:

a body member having a proximal portion and a distal portion;

a means for attaching the body member to the endoscope, the attaching means connected to the distal portion of the body member; and

a means for securing the elongate medical device, the securing means connected to the proximal portion of the body member; wherein the proximal portion of the body member extends from the distal portion at an angle such that the attaching means and the securing means are on different axes.

36. (previously presented) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is adapted to allow releasable attachment of the body member to the endoscope.

37. (previously presented) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein the means for securing the elongate medical device is adapted to allow releasable securing of the elongate medical device.

38. (previously presented) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein the locking device is configured for use with an endoscope having a proximal port and the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is sized and configured to attach to the endoscope distal of the proximal port.

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39. (previously presented) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein:

the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is adapted to allow releasable attachment of the body member to the endoscope;

the means for securing the elongate medical device is adapted to allow releasable securing of the elongate medical device;

the locking device is configured for use with an endoscope having a proximal port; and

the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is sized and configured to attach to the endoscope distal of the proximal port.

40. (previously presented) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is configured such that, when the body member is attached to the endoscope, the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope does not completely encircle the endoscope.

41. (new) A medical system as in claim 21, wherein the elongate medical device is a catheter and the additional elongate medical device is a guidewire.